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and Attorney General to take necessary actions for relief to assure that the operation of the Deer Creek facility will not disturb the delicate balance of the river or otherwise jeopardize the river water supply of the North Platte and Platte Rivers. That will be laid over, Mr. President. (LR 249 appears on page 1966 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator DeCamp to be printed in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: All right, we are ready for General File. LB 723, appropriations bill. May we have order in the Chamber, please, (gavel) so that we may hear Senator Warner explain these matters. The Chair recognizes Chairman Warner.

CLERK: Mr. President, excuse me, Senator, LB 723 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on April 19, referred directly to General File, Mr. President. I have no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 723 is the capital construction bill and reaffirmation of projects currently approved or under construction. The total of the general fund appropriation is a little over \$14 million, of that \$4.9 could be called new construction. But of that new construction \$3 million of it is for the LB 309, or the deferred maintenance program. The balance, by and large, is miscellaneous renovation, fire and safety renovation and replacement of one-time equipment, furnaces or heating units, so forth. There is no new authorized capital construction that is not previously approved contained in the bill. One of the things that the Appropriations Committee spent a lot of time discussing was the future commitments that the Legislature should impose upon itself by approval of projects. We adopted a policy that we used to have prior to '82-83 when funds became so tight. That policy was one where there was a declining obligation in future years for capital construction. The reason for doing that, of course, is to assure that should revenue become tight that we are not in the position of having a number of contractual commitments in capital construction which would take precedent over operating funds